

Reeves Says His Salary Was Paid By 'CIA-Related' Foundation Funds

Tom Reeves, one of three SIS instructors already in the center of much controversy and discussion on campus, discloses, in a statement printed in today's Eagle that his salary has been paid by the Avalon Foundation, an organization which he says "has been accused often in print of being a CIA front."

He also says in his statement that a letter from a woman who knew him at a college in Germany in 1967 may have influenced Dean F. Jackson Piotrow's late decision to offer him a full-time position as an instructor instead of the assistant deanship which he had previously offered Reeves.

At the same time Reeves adds these reports to those already accumulated regarding his resignation as a part-time instructor, he urges students to hold "to an absolute minimum" any confrontation with the SIS administration and faculty.

"In order to avoid still further confusion," he comments, "I must add that I consider the matter closed."

He states that "there are times when such confrontations are unavoidable, but since they breed mistrust and a tendency on the part of students and administration to act in a non-democratic way, they should be held to an absolute minimum."

Reeves says he learned "several weeks ago" of the payment of his salary from Avalon Foundation funds. He adds that the Avalon Foundation "finances to so-called Institute for Intelligence Research on this campus, the courses of which provide training which would be helpful to CIA or other intelligence organizations."

Reeves comments that Dean Piotrow "acknowledged" the source of funds to him last Thursday, but adds that he "did not know of this when I (Reeves) signed my contract or when I was paid."

"Since I have often spoken strongly against such arrangements," Reeves states, "...and since I am sure the CIA is unaware of their payment to me, I do not feel responsible for my connection with these funds at this time. Such an arrangement would be impossible in the future, however."

Reeves said he was informed this week from two sources that the reason for his first contract change in SIS (from assistant dean to instructor), was a letter written to then-AU President Anderson, now retired, accusing Reeves of "trouble-making,

rabble-rousing and perhaps membership in the Communist Party."

Reeves says he contacted the woman, who now teaches in Oklahoma, during the weekend, and she admitted writing the letter and told Reeves that she "would always seek to expose Communists."

Dean Piotrow admitted Thursday having received the letter but "denied any connection" between his receipt of the letter and his decision to offer Reeves the other position, adding that he (Dean Piotrow) had later written the woman "to say that her letter had influenced him in no way," according to Reeves.

Reeves takes the rest of his statement to explain the procedures he and Dean Piotrow have gone through regarding Reeves' contract since he arrived here in 1967. He tells of the Dean's switch of reasoning from "budgetary" reasons to that of "inbreeding."

Reeves says he is "sure Dean Piotrow has tried to be fair in my (Reeves') case."

"Unfortunately," he adds, "so much confusion has surrounded all these matters that it is difficult for me to judge what their real cause is..."

He says he would accept a full-time instructorship at AU, but "must reject" the part-time offer to accept the position of assistant professor at Federal City College.

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